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October 26, 2002

Hon. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: MM Docket No. 98-204 (Mass Media EEO)

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.1206, this will disclose that in this permit-but-disclose proceeding, the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council ("MMTC") made an oral ex parte presentation at a Wednesday, October 23, 2002, 4:00 PM meeting with Susan Eid, Esq., Legal Assistant, to Chairman Powell. The presentation was made by me.

I discussed MMTC's ex parte letter (dated October 1, 2002 and filed October 2, 2002) and its exhibits and attachments. We indicated that Eduardo Peña, Esq., counsel for the League of United Latin American Citizens ("LULAC") would be available in the event there were questions concerning the LULAC 1993 Texas television EEO petition to deny (discussed in Mr. Peña's declaration, which is Exhibit 4 to the MTMC ex parte letter). Most of our discussion of the EEO proceeding was devoted to the Blumrosens Study of discrimination in American industry, including broadcasting and cable (relevant excerpts found in Exhibit 1 to the MMTC ex parte letter). I explained its methodology and expressed our view that statistical analyses such as this can be useful in illuminating intentional discrimination. I urged that statistical data, such as that found on Form 395, should remain available for that limited purpose, and I suggested that the Form 395 issue in the rulemaking should be deferred to a subsequent rulemaking that would be devoted primarily to the primary use of Form 395 -- i.e., empirical research. Finally, I maintained that the extent of discrimination as shown in the Blumrosens study was so profound that the Commission should deem it a high priority to restore strong, enforceable EEO rules.

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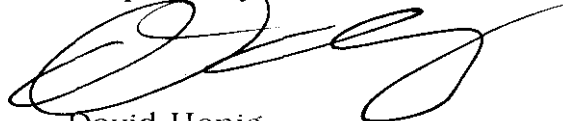
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I also presented a copy of the study (being filed today by MMTC for the record in this proceeding) entitled "A Look Towards Advancement: Minority Employment in Cable II" (National Association of Minorities in Communications, September, 2002): MMTC has filed this study for the record in this proceeding.

I urged the adoption of EEO rules that would be enforceable and would be taken seriously by the industry and the general public.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Honig', written over a horizontal line.

David Honig
Executive Director

cc: Susan Eid. Esq.
Richard Zaragoza. Esq.
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